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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

VIA : Chairman, National Intelligence Council

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SUBJECT : 1983 General Purpose Forces Work Program

1. There is no single theme to the 1983 GPF work program. Our efforts will be focused primarily upon fulfilling the needs of policymakers as they have expressed their views in correspondence and direct interview. Most particularly we have concentrated on developing contacts with the military service chiefs and the Chairman, JCS. We have also sought the views of key officials in the Departments of State, Defense and of commanders in the field. These efforts have revealed pressing needs for additional intelligence analysis in the following areas:

- Warning of attack on NATO by Warsaw Pact forces.
- The Soviet threat to the Persian Gulf area.
- New Soviet organization and tactics.
- The role of non-Soviet Warsaw Pact forces in European war.
- Soviet battlefield weapons developments.

2. In addition to the foregoing topics, we have a number of other special requirements, some of which have been reprogrammed from previous years. The broad array of subjects and the depth of research required for many of them confronts us with a formidable list of projects for the new year. Recognizing how ambitious such an undertaking is, we have developed the production schedule attached. It should be noted that some of the products are dependent upon others.

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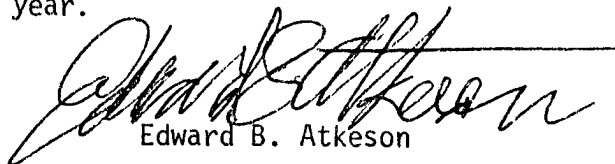
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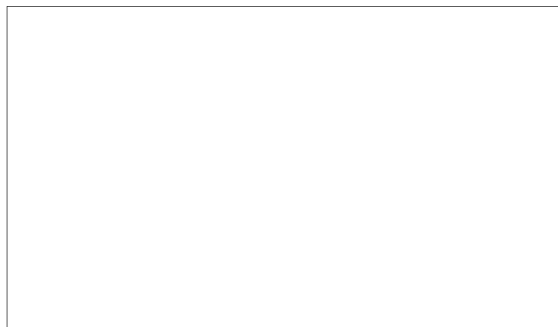
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[REDACTED] We believe the program is
rationally constructed, and addresses the issues in logical order.

3. Some areas of GPF concern do not lend themselves exclusively to Intelligence Community examination. Two specific issues will require substantial contribution from other types of agencies:

- A net assessment of the likely resultant of a clash of new Soviet operational doctrine, to include the operational maneuver group (OMG) and its US counterpart, "Airland Battle." We plan to open discussions with the Defense Office of Net Assessments to determine the best way to approach this problem.
- Refinement of statements of intelligence requirements regarding DoD programmatic and budgetary decisionmaking for support of systems development and acquisition. We are in touch with the Army Deputy Chief of Staff for Research, Development and Acquisition (DCSRDA) on a pilot program in this area and will be developing the concept over the coming year.


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